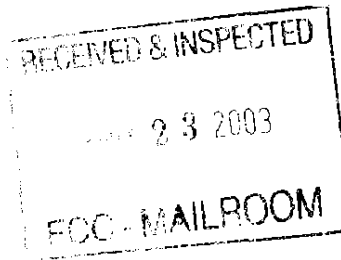




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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street SW, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write on behalf of the Government Affairs Committee of the Northern Dakota County Chambers of Commerce in connection with Qwest's application to provide long distance telephone services in Minnesota. The Committee discussed Qwest's application at a recent meeting.

The Northern Dakota County Chambers of Commerce supports the principles of free and open competition in all industries. The Chamber believes that a free enterprise system stimulates a healthy, competitive business environment, which in turn promotes better communities by encouraging efficiency and lowering the cost of products and services.

In addition, promoting competition in all levels of telecommunications services will generate significant benefits by increasing consumer choices, stimulating investment in the state's information infrastructure, and providing incentives for innovation and new services.

The Committee requests that the Federal Communications Commission take into account the advantages created by increased and open competition as it considers Qwest's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gregory P. Wilken".

Gregory P. Wilken
Chair, Government Affairs Committee
Northern Dakota County Chambers of Commerce

cc: Karen Jothan, Qwest Area Manager
U.S. Senator Mark Dayton
U.S. Senator Norm Coleman
U.S. Representative John Kline
U.S. Representative Betty McCollum